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1. Main Administration for Shipbuilding of the Ministry of Machine Construction

- a. The following members of Main Administration for Shipbuilding have been discharged: Ziesenis, former chief of the Main Administration for Shipbuilding; Riedermann, former Production Director; and ~~Dr. Ing. Kuensel~~, chief technical expert.
- b. ~~Helmut Gebauer~~, former director of VEB Volkswerft Stralsund, has been made chief of the Main Administration for Shipbuilding.

2. Development of VEB Warnowwerft Warnemuende

No plans have been made yet to enlarge the quays, slips, and workshops of this yard. At the present, even at ministerial level, the future development and exact proposed production for 1954 is unknown. The construction program for 1954/55 is as follows:

- a. Eight Volga river craft to be completed by the end of 1954.
- b. Two Type 4, 10,000-ton freighters to be completed by the end of 1955.
- c. Two 3,000-ton freighters of the same type as those built at VEB Schiffswerft Neptun Rostock. The engines will be one SDV 136A and one SDV 148A diesels, built by Schwermaschinenbau Karl Liebknecht (formerly Buckau-Wolf) Magdeburg. These engines are difficult to obtain, however, because this firm is not able to give definite delivery dates. These two engines are German-developed and supercharged.

3. Ships under Repair at VEB Warnowwerft Warnemuende

- a. SOVIETSKI SOYUZ is scheduled for sea trials in late or mid-February 1954. The trials area has not yet been known, but it is believed to be in the Gulf of Finland and the North Sea.
- b. ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV AND YURI DOLGORUKI are still being repaired.
- c. The second Volga River craft is scheduled for sea trials in late January.

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4. VEB Schiffswerft Neptun, Rostock

It is planned at some future date to develop and enlarge this yard for the Seepolizei to provide dockyard facilities for Seepolizei craft. However, because of the lack of capital, this project cannot proceed unless the Seepolizei receives a large grant from the Treasury.

5. VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft Wismar

The Wismar yard will be ~~developed eventually~~ as a merchant marine dockyard.

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